

Rule 2.10

**CONSENT OF PARTIES TO TRY CASES  
BEFORE A U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

(a) **Consent to Exercise Jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge.** Upon filing a complaint, the Clerk shall furnish the plaintiff a "Consent to Exercise of Jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge" and sufficient additional copies of the Consent to be attached to the complaint for service by the plaintiff on each defendant.

(b) **Filing.** At such time as all parties have executed and filed a consent with the Clerk and the District Judge has determined that the case should be reassigned to a Magistrate Judge, an order of reassignment will be signed, unless the case has already been assigned to a Magistrate Judge.

(c) **Magistrate Judge Initials in Case Number.** The Clerk, by appropriate designation, will indicate on the civil docket that the matter has been reassigned to a particular Magistrate Judge. When a case has been reassigned to a Magistrate Judge, all further pleadings and other documents will bear the Magistrate Judge's initials.

(d) **Assignment of Cases by Automated Random Selection.** The parties may not consent to trial before a particular Magistrate Judge. Cases will be assigned within each division equally among the Magistrate Judges of the division by the Clerk (or by the deputy designated by the Clerk) by automated random selection and in manner so that neither the Clerk or any parties or their attorneys shall be able to make a deliberate choice for a particular case. The cases so assigned shall remain with the Magistrate Judge to whom assigned unless otherwise ordered by the Court.